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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 3/17/01 (STREATOR, EDWARD J.) OR-M
TAGS: SREF, AF, EEC, PK
SUBJ: (U) INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

REF: STATE 64633

1. (C)

A TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION, WHICH HE SAID
WAS PASSED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT -- WITH THE HELP
OF ITALIAN SOCIALIST CARLO RIPA DI MEANA (WHO RECENTLY
RETURNED FROM PESHAWAR) AND FORMER CZECH DISSIDENT JIRI
PELIKAN -- ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY. EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE
THAT THE EC'S AID PLAN TO THE REFUGEES WILL BE
STEPPED UP AS A RESULT OF THE VOTE. FOLLOWING IS TEXT
OF THE RESOLUTION.

2. (U) QUOTE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

-- APPALLED BY THE CONTINUING AND WIDESPREAD SLAUGHTER OF

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THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF AFGHANISTAN AT THE HANDS OF THE

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SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES, ESPECIALLY THEIR HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS.

-- RECOGNIZING THAT 1,500,000 AFGHANS HAVE BEEN FORCED BY THE BOMBING OF THEIR VILLAGES AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THEIR MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD, ESPECIALLY CROPS AND LIVESTOCK, TO LEAVE THEIR COUNTRY AND TAKE REFUGE IN PAKISTAN, WHERE THEY ARE UNDER THE CARE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,

-- DISTURBED BY THE FACT THAT THE EXODUS OF REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN, WHICH AVERAGED 80,000 A MONTH UP TO THE END OF NOVEMBER 1980, ROSE TO 110,000 IN DECEMBER AND 143,000 IN JANUARY, AND THAT THE TOTAL FIGURE OF AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN IS EXPECTED TO REACH THE TWO-MILLION MARK LATER THIS YEAR,

-- NOTING THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS SO FAR THIS YEAR PAID DOLLARS 23 MILLION TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE RELIEF OF THESE REFUGEES, WHEREAS THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS CONTRIBUTED ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OF THIS AMOUNT,

A. REQUESTS THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW AS A MATTER OF URGENCY THE SCALE OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF IN PAKISTAN;

B. ASKS THE COUNCIL AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN POLITICAL COOPERATION TO CONSIDER HOW BEST, BOTH ON A COMMUNITY BASIS AND ON A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BASIS, THIS REFUGEE RELIEF AID CAN BE INCREASED;

C. INSTRUCTS ITS PRESIDENT TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO
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THE COMMISSION, THE COUNCIL AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN POLITICAL COOPERATION.

JUSTIFICATION FOR URGENCY: THE RECENT ALARMING INCREASE IN THE FLOW OF REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN INTO PAKISTAN.
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